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Wilson's Elk Point meeting nails former bills 19, 36 and 50

By TIM BANMAN

Review Contributor

The campaign against provincial land use legislation continued in Elk Point last week with a presentation by property rights lawyer Keith Wilson at the Seniors' Recreation Centre on Tuesday.

Wilson's tour to inform the public about his interpretation of controversial property rights legislation passed in the last couple of years will continue in St. Paul March 7 at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Wilson took aim at the Electric Statutes Amendment Act, calling it a massive overbuild of transmission lines. The electrical system has been reinforced, he contended, and the lights in the province are not at risk of going out, making the act and rapid expansion of the province's power grid unnecessary.

The act passed in 2009 and gives government the responsibility to approve transmission lines, which formerly had to go through a public consultation with the Alberta Utilities Commission. The act makes the government responsible to approve "critical transmission infrastructure" in the same way it approves highways, schools, and hospitals, according to a government website.

The St. Albert lawyer pointed to a leaked letter from Alberta Direct Connect (ADC) and the Industry Power Consumers Association (IPCAA) to government written in October 2010, that stated the plans would put Alberta's competitiveness at risk.

"We simply cannot afford this transmission development plan and it is unnecessary," said the letter signed by Colette Chekerda, executive director with ADC, and Sheldon Fulton, IPCAA's executive director.

ADC represents members of the forestry, chemicals, and cement industry, while IPCAA represents members of the oil and gas, steel, and petrochemicals industries.

Up to 70 per cent of the cost of manufacturing chemicals goes to pay for electricity, while 30 per cent of the cost of fabricating metal and machinery goes to pay electricity, according to a report by the organizations. The transmission upgrades would lead to job losses and increase the price of electricity, says the industry report. (Continued on Page 3)



Tim Banman photo

Land rights explained

Property rights lawyer Keith Wilson spoke out against provincial land use bills at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre on Feb. 22.

Ministers speak to land rights at PC AGM

By SHAUNA BURKE

Review Contributor

Three controversial provincial bills, which have captured much public attention in Alberta, were a focus of discussions at the Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills Progressive Conservative Association 2011 annual general meeting, held in Ashmont last Thursday evening.

MLA Mel Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resources, joined local MLA Ray Danyluk, Minister of Infrastructure, to talk about Bill 50 and the proposal of the new transmission line, Bill 36, the Alberta Land Stewardship Act, and Bill 19, the Land Assembly Project Area Act.

"It was great to have Mel Knight here because he is the minister in charge of Bill 36 and I am the minister respon-

sible for Bill 19 ... and the interesting part is that (Knight) wrote Bill 50," said Danyluk after the meeting. "So you had all the expertise needed to answer questions on the three bills."

Before the guest speaker took the stage, Ron Boisvert delivered the treasurer's report, showing the local association's total income for the year was \$102,509, with expenses of \$30,964, making for a net income of \$71,544.

Danyluk then introduced Knight to an audience of about 30 card-carrying members of the local PC association. Knight took the opportunity to comment on the provincial leadership. "Ed Stelmach is still the premier of the province of Alberta and he'll remain the premier until he decides what his resignation date will be. All he has said to

Albertans is that he will not be back to run in the next election," said Knight.

Legislature resumed on Feb. 22, with a Speech from the Throne, outlining the government's agenda for the coming session, followed by the release of the budget on Feb. 24.

"There is no structural deficit in the province of Alberta," said Knight, explaining that the deficit is simply taking some money out of the bank to cover expenses that are needed at the time. The money is not coming out of the Heritage Trust Fund, Knight clarified, but said it was coming from a \$17 billion sustainability fund, which was built specifically so that programs would not have to be cut when the economy takes a dip.

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Break-and-enter in Heinsburg

By CST. JOHN SPAANS

Elk Point RCMP Detachment

At 3 a.m. on Feb. 21, Elk Point RCMP were contacted by property representatives at the Quick-E-Mart in Heinsburg, after they were alerted by an alarm in the store. When the complainant attended the store to investigate the alarm, they found a masked male inside trying to steal cigarettes. The male had forced entry into the business through a front window. When the complainant yelled at the suspect, the suspect dropped the cigarettes and ran away. The suspect had a getaway car waiting and fled the scene. Currently, it does not appear as through the suspect managed to keep any of the stolen cigarettes. The male suspect is described as 5'5" tall and 120 to 130 pounds. He was wearing dark clothing. The vehicle the suspect drove was a green or dark coloured two-door sports car.

Charges laid

Slingers Pub and Grill was broken into on two occasions in November and December 2010. During the break-ins, cash and alcohol were stolen. Investigation by the Elk Point RCMP identified a suspect. On Feb. 17, charges of break and enter were laid

against a 21-year-old Kehewin male. The male is expected to appear in St. Paul Provincial Court.

Stolen vehicle

On Feb. 19 at 10:30 p.m., Elk Point RCMP were alerted to a stolen black 2007 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck in Fishing Lake. The complainants noticed the vehicle was missing and believe it was taken between Feb. 17 and Feb. 19. To date, no suspects have been identified and police continue to investigate.

Theft of stereo

On Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m., Elk Point RCMP received a complaint from an individual in Frog Lake reporting the theft of a stereo. When members spoke with the complainant, a suspect was identified. Members tracked down the suspect and located the stereo. The stolen property was returned to its rightful owner, who declined to pursue charges against the suspect.

Assaults

On Feb. 5 at 3:30 a.m., Elk Point RCMP were called to a residence in Frog Lake by a female who feared her car was about to be stolen. Members attended the residence and found the vehicle parked safely in the driveway. When the female was spoken to by

members, it was found that she lost her keys and was concerned that the other occupants of the house were going to take her vehicle. Everything was calm upon the members' departure. At 7 a.m., members returned to the residence after it was reported that three male occupants were fighting. When members arrived, two males had fight-related injuries, a third was apparently attempting to flee out a window. Witnesses told members that once the police left from the first call, the occupants began to argue about territorial control of the house. A male youth lashed out at two others, causing injuries. None of the victims wished to pursue charges but the youth was found to be in breach of numerous conditions of release and will appear in St. Paul Youth Court.

At 8 p.m. on Feb. 12, RCMP was called to a residence in Fishing Lake to investigate an alleged assault. The complainant had received text messages from her daughter saying she had been assaulted by another female. After some time, police managed to locate the victim. It is alleged that a 30-year-old Fishing Lake female assaulted the victim during an argument. The suspect was located and charges are pending.

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Elk Point meeting nails former bills

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Industrial manufacturers would be at risk of going out of business with the increased price of electricity, Wilson said. "The reality is ... if you can put it in a pipeline, put it on a truck, or you can put it in a rail car, it's leaving Alberta. Why would you stay here if you owned a plant and you can move to the other side of Lloydminster and all of a sudden, knock out one of your major input costs, being electricity?" Wilson asked.

With projects planned for the Heartland, Calgary, Fort McMurray, and southern Alberta, the cost to increase the electricity grid is estimated at over \$16 billion.

Wilson told the crowd of around 150 the only people advocating for the upgrades are the provincial government, Alberta Electric System Operator, and the department of energy.

The act removes the public consultation process for a decision made in cabinet, he said.

ADC and IPCAA say the transmission development plan was approved based on a "false sense of urgency," without cost-benefit analysis. The letter can be read online at landownersagainstbills.com.

Wilson also criticized the Land Assembly Project Area Act, passed in 2009, which allows government to freeze large tracts of private land for future uses, such as roads or utility corridors, which he says can be done without compensation to the landowner.

After a government freeze on a piece of land, any new use would have to be approved by cabinet, Wilson said.

"There is no compensation when this freeze is placed on," Wilson said, adding in the cases of ring roads around Calgary and Edmonton, the freeze lasted 30 or 40 years.

Before the act, Albertans were entitled to be made "completely whole" if expropriated. Under the Expropriation Act, a landowner gets compensated for the market value of the land based on the highest and best use of the land, he said. Compensation would also be provided for moving expenses if necessary, as well as any possible penalties for closing a mortgage, or other costs necessary to cover a person's losses after expropriation.

"I think most of you are getting this," Wilson told the audience. "Well, unfortunately your MLAs don't ... I'm

going to explain it to you so maybe you can explain it to them because I don't understand why they don't get this."

Under the new act, government would serve the order to the financier of mortgaged land. A section in the act says anyone with an interest in the title has an obligation to carry out the conditions of the order, said Wilson.

The order would also go to the municipality to prevent a development permit from being approved, he said.

"That goes from being an asset to a liability," he said. "The government did no consultation whatsoever with the banking community when they brought this legislation in."

The act allows government to work around the Expropriation Act, he said. He said it is "outright legal nonsense" to say, as MLAs have, the legislation gives more rights to landowners.

During the question period after the presentation, one member of the audience asked what the difference was between the legislation and communism. Wilson replied the difference is the act does not include central economic planning.

"I feel that was the beginning of dictatorship," said a woman in the audience.

Another questioner asked what difference the proposed amendment to include recourse to a tribunal would make. A tribunal would be between one and five people appointed by government, replied Wilson, and would not be the same as a court.

"I found it very informative, there's lots I didn't know. I think all Albertans need to be paying attention very strongly to this," said Glen Ockerman, who attended as a landowner and councillor with the County of St. Paul.

Ockerman said he liked the idea of regional planning that was used in Alberta until the 1990's, something Wilson recommended the province re-implement during his presentation.

Wilson noted government has started debating changes to the Land Stewardship Act and is reviewing the Land Assembly Project Area Act, but said proposed amendments have not changed his presentation, in an interview before the meeting.

"I'm encouraged that the government has recognized that they need to revisit their legislation ... It looks like

they're moving in the right direction. I think until we see what those amendments are it will be difficult to say whether the amendments go far enough," he said.

"Their actions speak to an admission that they've made a mistake. Their words indicate that they're hoping people won't see it that way."

Wilson also took aim at the Carbon Capture and Storage Act, which gives government ownership to the space underground without compensation to the surface landowner.

Several MLAs, including the premier, have said members of cabinet are landowners and they would not create legislation to take away land rights. Wilson said that argument shows some of them do not understand what the legislation means.

"People who give themselves very significant power never envision they'll abuse it. But history has shown us that's not what happens. Too much power concentrated anywhere has led to a lot of problems."

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended, the Council of the County of St. Paul No. 19 is considering Bylaw No. 1564, which is a Bylaw to enter into a lease agreement for the purpose of leasing the following Environmental Reserve land:

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A Public Hearing will be held on
Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 1:15 p.m. or
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Riverland Adventure Challenge could see changes

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Changes to the format of the Riverland Adventure Challenge could be necessary, unless the Friends of Fort George and Bucking-ham House find a new overall organizer for the event. The Friends learned at last month's meeting that Sheila Thompson, who has spearheaded the Challenge since its inception in 2008, is unable to fulfill that role for this year's May 28 event.

To this point, the Challenge has been made up of three components, with participants following a canoe voyage on the North Saskatchewan River with a cross-country run and then hopping onto bicycles for the final leg of the journey.

Many of the volunteers from previous Challenges have indicated a willingness to continue in their roles, but the Friends are on the hunt for a coordinator to oversee the event, from accepting registrations to handing out the trophy medals as the winners cross the finish line.

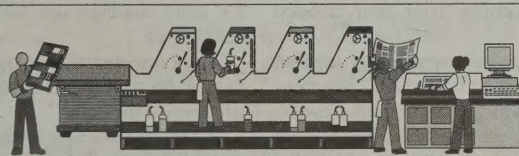
Some thought has been given to changing the format of the event, but the Friends are well aware that the current combination has proven very popular with the participants

including many of those who braved the snow, rain and cold winds to complete the course in 2010.

Friends members were asked to beat the bushes for potential replacements, acknowledging that it may take several people to do

the various tasks. Anyone interested in getting on board with this highly successful event is more than welcome to come to the next Friends meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the Elk Point Municipal Library.

Suggestions for additional events to enhance this day of fun and adventure are also welcome.



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EDITORIAL

Lion? Lamb?

Did March arrive like a lion or a lamb? As we went to press yesterday it was definitely of the 'lion' variety, with wind roaring, but a very shivery lion with frost clinging to his big, shaggy mane. The March 1 morning forecast at that point was for calm but very cold, and the only lamb you'd find in that condition would be the kind that is a garden ornament.

Lion or lamb, we're almost sure to have a month of unpredictable weather, because March is like that. For now, the long-range forecast is predicting another 10 days of unseasonable cold, and then a steady climb to warmer weather by the time spring officially arrives. However, that forecast should come with a warning label: "Beware - Forecast subject to sudden changes."

Still, we've made it this far through one of the coldest winters in years, and it's highly likely we can hang on for a few more weeks. If we're lucky, a few more weeks will bring us to the end of the cold, and the coming of much better temperatures. Hang in there, everyone!

WAY BACK WHEN....

Curling, cakes and candidates

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1 IN...

1986

Noel Looy, Lorne and Don Bury and Wally Popik of St. Paul won the grand challenge at the 40-rink Men's Open bonspiel over a Vermilion rink, with the second event going to an Edmonton rink and the third event to a Bonnyville foursome. A hearing was held into the annexation of 80 acres east of the industrial park and quarter section to the north of it.

1991

Beavers Kyle Frisby and Chance Dumont, Cub Brett Flanders and Scout Darren Pilisko decorated the winning cakes at the annual Family Scouting Banquet, where Frisby's first prize cake was auctioned off for \$110. The Community Cultural Building Society reviewed input from nine local organizations, some of which expressed doubts the facility could be self-supporting, if in fact the society was able to raise the money to build it.

1996

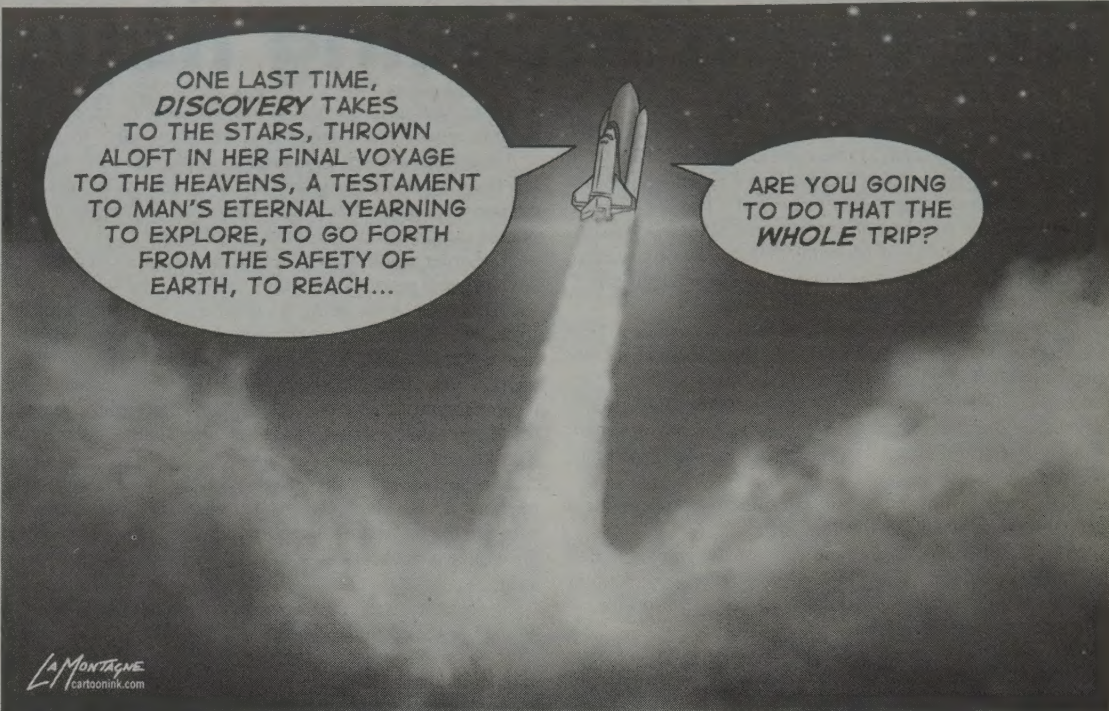
Elk Point and District Lions looked back proudly on 25 years of community service, with special recognition given to Lawrence Modin, the only one of 22 charter members who was still involved with the club. Elk Point Surface Rights Association held their annual meeting, with lease payments, complicated dealings and liability among the largest concerns of the landowner group.

2001

Liberal candidate Vital Ouellette and Progressive Conservative Ray Danyluk were quizzed on their positions on agriculture, education and health care at a well-attended pre-election forum in Heinsburg. Junior Janice Tymofichuk, intermediate Randy Wruth and senior Michelle Leckie placed first at the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club speakoff, with Adam Zapesocki, Nichole Havener and Amanda Zapesocki placing second in their categories.

2006

A "banner year" surplus that resulted in a \$220,000 surplus would give the town of Elk Point a financial boost for their upcoming capital projects, town manager Myron Goyan told council. Speakers Marvin Ockerman, Janice Tymofichuk and Taylor Cochran and presenters Darren Tymofichuk, Tyler Ockerman, Bryant Schnurer and Derek Wruth were the winners at the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club public speaking competition.



GUEST COLUMN

Community help

With all the tragedies we hear as we turn the TV to any news station or read about in the newspapers, it is easy to understand that a personal tragedy can happen to anyone at any time. No one is exempt. When we hear or read about them, our reactions are usually one of shock. Then our thoughts turn to the people. Our questions become; "What happened to the people?" "How are they dealing with this?" "Do they need some help?" "What help are they receiving?" The last question becomes: "Can I help?"

Ann E. Tanner relates her experience in dealing with people who have experienced a personal tragedy. "As a first responder for the American Red Cross, I worked with victims of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. A week after the hurricane hit, a man walked into my office. His legs were grotesquely swollen, and I asked him what had happened. He told me that after the floods destroyed his neighborhood, he found himself alone in chest-deep water. Many of his neighbors were stranded in their attics or on rooftops. He immediately looked for a skiff or small dinghy to bring his friends to higher ground. For hours he sloshed through filthy, polluted water that was full of debris to obtain that boat. (During that time, he sustained numerous cuts that caused his legs to become infected, endangering his life.) Finally, after almost a full day, he located a dinghy. For the next 24 hours straight he rescued dozens of people from their flooded homes."

This story shows how some people, when they see that others are in need, really go all out to help them. The people in the story who had experienced a personal tragedy, needed help because at the time, they were unable to help themselves. Then in the story, one person saw a way he could help. The experience he had to go through before he could actually help was not an easy one. Plus it took some time before he could get involved in the helping process.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.



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Once he found the way he could help, it meant a full time commitment until the people were rescued. Then of course, some of us are asking: "What is the rest of the story?" After the rescue, people still needed help to re-establish their homes. Katrina happened in 2005, and we have read that some parts of the area have been re-established but not all.

So yes, help and how to help can still be some questions being asked.

Those of us who live in our area know we are unlikely to be experiencing earthquakes or floods but this story gives an example of how tragedy affected some people. So our question becomes: "Are some people in our area experiencing personal tragedies where they might need rescuing help?" The answer to this

question is, "Yes."

We know of families who have individuals who are experiencing the medical tragedy of cancer, disabling physical functioning such as M.S., or any number of other health concerns, that are requiring families to extend their family budgets to areas not easily accomplished. There are other examples such as family incomes that just can't meet all required living expenses. Then there are other personal sudden tragedies such as house fires, vehicle accidents or individual deaths that affect families. So when you think about it, all of these are examples of silent cries for help. That is, we will not hear about them when we turn on the TV news channels and we may not read about them in the newspaper.

Thus our question becomes: "What can we as a community do to help the people in our community who have silent cries for help?"

A few months ago some people in the community came to the Elk Point F.C.S.S. office and said we have a community need. Some people in our community are in trouble. They have experienced a personal tragedy. Can we help them? Research was needed to try and learn about the problem. At the same time, research was also needed to learn how other communities were handling a similar problem.

To learn the results of all this research, a Public Meeting is being called for Thursday, March 10, 2011. This meeting will be held at the Seniors' Recreation Centre at 7 p.m. Please come to the meeting to learn and to share your ideas in how we can give community help to people experiencing silent needs.

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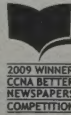


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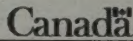
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Vintage sleds in the spotlight

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Close to 50 vintage snowmobiles, dating back as far as 1968, were in the Iron Horse Trail staging area lineup on Saturday as Elk Point Trail Riders hosted their annual Vintage Snowmobile Show, Shine and Trail Ride. While many of the sleds were from the local area, some came from as far as Penhold, Fort Saskatchewan and Ardrossan for the event.

A good crowd of viewers was also on hand and jotted down their favourites on the ballots the club provided. Dale Saruk of Mymam garnered the most votes with a 1968 Moto Ski. A pair of 1970 SkiDoo TNTs came second and third, owned by Jerry Kallal of Tofield and Chris Swan of Vermilion. Lori Drolet of St. Paul showed the People's Choice award winner, a 1975 Scorpion.

Two local sledders were also among the prizewinners, with Tammy Robb of Golden Loaf Bakery winning the Red Green award for her 1978 SkiDoo Citation and George Roberts of Stoney Lake the award for the oldest sled with his 1968 Arctic Cat.

The oldest rider in the event was Jim Carrel on a 1976 Bombardier TNT,

while the youngest was Stewart Kotowich of St. Paul, who showed a 1975 SkiDoo Elan.

Norm Fiege of Penhold took home the Farthest Traveled award for his 1971 Arctic Cat Puma. This year's Hard Luck award went to Lorna Hoffman of St. Paul, when her 1980 Yamaha malfunctioned early in the trail ride.

Participants enjoyed a mid-winter wiener roast or bowls of chili before hopping on their sleds for a run up the club's trail to Kehewin Lake and back. Both participants and viewers were among the visitors at the Elk Point Visitor Information EcoCentre, which was open for tours, and where chamber of commerce members were busy barbecuing kuby burgers from Lakeland Premier Packers and Processors and serving up coffee and hot chocolate.



Vicki Brooker photo

Snowmobiles reflecting five decades of winter fun power were on display at Elk Point's Iron Horse Trail staging area on Saturday as the Elk Point Trail Riders hosted their annual Vintage Snowmobile Show, Shine and Trail Ride.

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John Ross (Dave's Dad)

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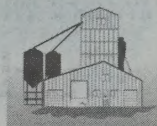
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Kaylee Poitras and Brianna White were ready and eager to participate in the Family Day gymkhana events at the C. G. Baker Arena. At right, Carson Summers gets an early start on his equestrian skills. The next gymkhana in the series goes March 27, with the finals on April 10.

Vicki Brooker photos



Bailey Oster leans into the turn in Youth Barrels.



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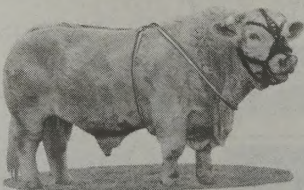
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Elk Point Elementary's Family School Liaison Worker and counselor Elaine Ziomek is shown with Justin Bzowy, who designed his own t-shirt for Bully Free Day. All EPE students and staff were encouraged to wear pink on Feb. 23 in support of Bully Free Day.

Diane Dewan photos



Wayne Hymanyk's Grade 3 class at Elk Point Elementary School were sporting pink for Bully Free Day.

Seeding for success seminar

By JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Contributor

The St. Paul Municipal Seed Cleaning Plant is once again offering its Seeding for Success seminar on Thursday at the St. Paul Recreation Centre, in hopes of giving growers the best possible start for the seeding season.

"I usually try to put together a good lineup of people who can answer any questions that a grower can or should have," said Ron Wirsta, manager for the seed cleaning plant, of the upcoming seminar. Representatives from Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) will talk about cereals and forages, and variety performances from last year, while agronomist Doug Moisy with the Canadian Canola Council will share his tips for canola seeding. Another highlight will be a talk from someone with 20/20 Seed Labs Inc. out of Nisku, he added.

The event, in its fifth year, typically draws about 50 growers, who seem appreciative of getting an update on the industry, and on matters such as seed quality, seeding tips, or new applications that are in the marketplace, said Wirsta.

"The feedback was to keep it going and to keep the information coming forward for the growers in future years," said Wirsta.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no registration cost, and lunch will be provided, thanks to

support from the Ag Services Board, he said. However, Wirsta asked interested people to phone the seed cleaning plant at 780-645-3939 and confirm their attendance prior to Thursday.



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Lots of action as season winds down

The hockey season is starting to wind down; some of our teams have finished their league play, although when the weather is this cold, it sure doesn't feel like time to shut 'er down. You could say March came in like a lion or better still, maybe even in like a polar bear.

The Micro Novice Avalanche hit the highway on the weekend, playing in a rougher game than usual in Kitscoty on Saturday. Luke Poulin and Jaden "Grizzly" Van Maarion scoring. This coming weekend the mighty mites will be playing in the Dewberry tournament.

Little Liam "White Lightning" Ludlage was up for the challenge on Saturday when the Novice No. 1 team faced off against a fast skating club from Bonnyville, Liam, who got the call that morning from the coaching staff, suited up with the goalie gear and was immediately bombarded with rubber, but he stood his ground, "White Lightning" facing close to 40 shots. Liam's brother Hayden "Hot Wheels" Ludlage with a hat trick, Colton "B Train" VanMaarion finding the twine with a couple, helpers from husky Dylan Ference, top prospect Jace Stafford and ringer Ronan "Radar" Poulin. The team put up a solid team effort, they passed the puck well, but they needed a little more spinach to handle the Bonnyville crew.

In the second game on the schedule on Saturday, the Novice No. 2 team played at home against Mallaig, "Darrian the Dominator" Rybchinsky scoring assisted by the big solid rookie blue liner Corbin Ockerman, smooth skating towering center man "Sam I am" Henderson also lighting the lamp and then taking two minutes off in the sin

bin for roughing it up a little too much.

Exciting action again on Sunday when the Novice No. 2 were at it again, this time hosting the Dewberry Colts, James Kozicki between the pipes had 25 shots.

doug BASSETT

Review Sports



"Hammering Hank" Rogal with two goals and an assist, "the Dominator" with a wrap around goal and set up Hank for one, Devon Nazarchuk scoring assisted by Paige Henderson, and with 10 seconds left in the first period, defenseman Conner Lychak rushing down the boards, putting a nice one up on the top shelf just as the buzzer rang. Conner also made some super diving poke checks with his stick to save a couple of breakaways, defense partner Charlie "Little Angel" Rogal also coming up big with some awesome plays in front of the Avalanche goalie, stealing the puck away. Wolke and brother Eros Cueva also playing defense doing a solid job of carrying the puck out of our end over the blue line. Alex Duffee on the doorstep at the other end just missing on a few opportunities, his sister Erin creating turnovers, stealing the puck away from the boys, Evan Ockerman with a number of chances in front, just missing the mesh also.

Some of the best players in the Dewberry Colts lineup have a connection to Elk Point, Connor Roscoe and Cole Bendixen with a hat trick each, both their dads, Conway Roscoe and Marty Bendixen played here in the glory days of the Bantam Lightning, winning a gold medal back in 1995, Conway scoring the winner in overtime, Marty assisting on the goal. The Colts goalie Dallas Bristow who also goes to school here facing 30 Avalanche shots played a big

part in the Colts win. Big thanks to my assistant in this game, the guest colour commentator Andon Ballas.

An excellent season saw the St. Paul Midget B Canadiens sitting second in Tier III of the North East Alberta Hockey League at the end of the regular schedule, with 10 wins, seven losses and one tie. However, it took only two disastrous games last week in the first round of playoffs to put them out of the action, as they fell to the cellar-dwelling Vermilion Tigers. Provost finished the schedule in first place, losing only one game during the season.

Three of the Canadiens' Elk Point players ended the year in the top five of the team's scoring race, with Danny Garrett, with 22 goals and 11 assists, just seven points behind team captain Jason Jubinville, who recorded 40 points for 24 goals and 16 assists. Brett Ockerman had 10 goals and 13 assists for 23 points, while Dakota Amyotte tied at 21 points with Brandon Gamache for fourth and fifth place, Dakota with 11 goals and 10 assists. Jared Vallee added 15 points to the total, Dino Meger 14, and Wyatt Dewan, who spent much of the season behind the goalie mask, added 10.

March 1 - Some famous people with a birthday today include our grandson, future ball player Bode Bassett celebration his first birthday.

Coming up tonight, even though it might be a few weeks before we can even shed our longjohns, it's never too soon to start thinking about ball, the first Minor Ball meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. tonight at the A.G. Ross Arena, and on Thursday we have the monthly meeting for Minor Hockey, also at 7 p.m.

How about the "Marksman" on this past Saturday night against my Leafs? Everywhere he plays he leaves his "Mark". Did he play a great game or what? A goal and an assist, and some other great shots on net, good enough to be announced as the first star of the game that was televised from coast to coast on Hockey Night in Canada. Tomorrow night Mark the Marksman Letestu is back in Toronto to face the Leafs again. Hope he doesn't do too much damage this time, we need the points too, we're trying to make the post season, you know!

And now for the K.A.Campbell quote of the week: "Fighting and talking are both part of the game, Hockey is just a love affair when you don't have fighting." Last week's answer to: "Anyone who'd miss Mario would miss Marilyn Monroe." - Pittsburgh scout. Do you have a sports scoop? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

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World Day of Prayer to be marked Friday

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

The Republic of Chile is geographically half a world away, stretching between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes mountain range in the extreme southwest part of South America, but it will be close in heart on Friday night as the people of Elk Point and district mark World Day of Prayer with a service written by the women of that country.

This year's World Day of Prayer service will be held at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, starting at 7 p.m., and will feature Allen Warawa speaking on the theme, "How Many Loaves Have You?" referring to the Bible verses in Mark 6: 30-42 on the feeding of the 5,000. Members of various Elk Point churches will be taking part in the service, and a number have attended a pair of Bible study sessions led by Pastor Bill Kryzanowski in preparation for it.

People of all faiths are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Chile is a large country, and in addition to South America, has territory in Antarctica and owns Easter Island in the South Pacific. Eighty per cent of the country is mountainous, while the rest includes

prairie grasslands, desert and polar regions.

With these diverse climates, Chile is home to a variety of animals, including the guanaco and its domesticated relatives, the llama, the alpaca and the vicuna.

Migrating North Americans, the Inca and the Mapuche are among the early settlers. In the 16th century, Spanish explorers came to conquer Chile, starting a conflict that went on for four centuries and continues today, although Chile achieved independence in the early 1800s, with its Declaration of Independence signed in 1818. Toward the end of that century, a conflict with Peru and Bolivia arose over salt-peter production in the northern region, which led to a four-year war that ended with Chile expanding its territory to the north to include important nitrate and copper deposits.

Artifacts found in Chile include fortified villages, cave paintings, petroglyphs and ceramics created the earliest residents. Incan influence is evident in the bright coloured ponchos still hand-woven by the women of the Altiplano region from vicuna and llama fibers, while in other areas, the weavers use sheep's wool coloured with natural dyes made from the roots of plants and trees.

Cash calendar wins

Elk Point Minor Hockey Cash Calendar winners for February were: Darrell Kinneberg, Ashton Fraser (Ardrossan), Asteria Cueva, Sue Bugej, Lisa Van Maarion, Tania Bourne, Roger Bintz (Vermilion), Claudine Roberts, Asteria Cueva, Christoph Ludlage, Kelly Knibbs (Lloydminster) and Carrie Becker, each winning \$20. Jackie Ludlage was the lucky \$100 winner. Congratulations!

Trip of the Month

Helen Mudryk is the lucky winner of the February Trip of the Month to Mazatlan, Mexico, while Michael Hyslop and Allan Ambrook of Edmonton each won \$100 cash prizes.

Check out the magazines at your local library

By DAPHNE SCHNURER
Librarian

Dreaming of spring, great weather and getting out in your backyard? Well, it might be quite a while yet. This is a great time to hibernate indoors where it's warm, with some great magazines.

Some new additions to our collection include "Gardens West," which has great photos and stories about gorgeous gardens in Alberta and Saskatchewan, "Gardening Life," which is guaranteed to have you ordering seed and hoping for an early spring, "The Family Handyman," chock-full of handy hits and projects, as well as "Healthy Cooking" and "The Food Network Magazine" to give some great new ideas when

you're wondering, "What's for supper?" We also now have "Canadian Health" to help you be your very best, "Alberta Outdoorsman: for the guys," and "Seventeen" and "Teen Vogue" for the teens in your house.

These last weeks of winter are also a great time to finish up your knitting project or start on a new sweater for spring and summer. Join us with your project, or come and learn to knit. Everyone is welcome to join us on March 1, 15 and 29 at 2 p.m.

This month's Seniors' Tea, on Wednesday, March 9, will honour those who quilt - all quilters are welcome to drop by and enjoy our early celebration of National Quilters' Day.. an American event on March 19, that we have borrowed

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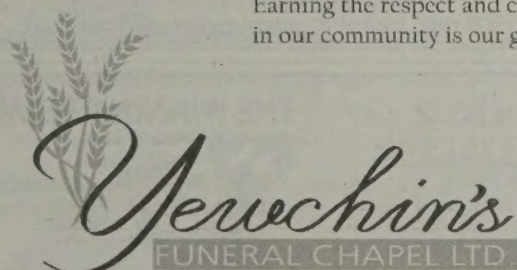
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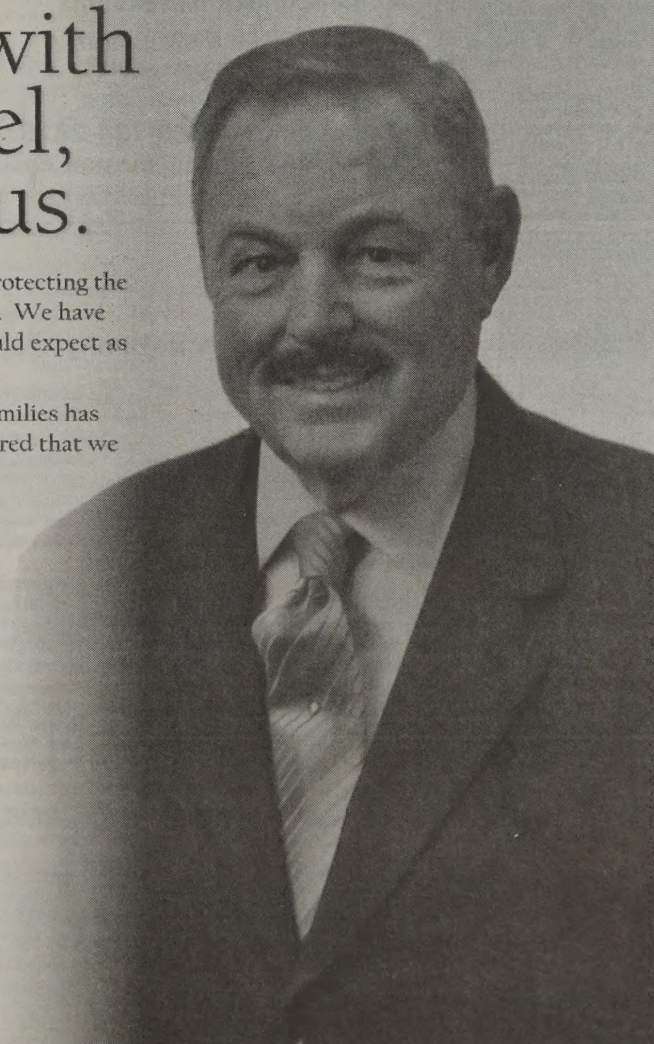
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At 8 p.m. on Feb. 12, Elk Point RCMP was called to a residence in Fishing Lake to investigate an alleged assault. The complainant had received text messages from her daughter saying she had been assaulted by another female. After some time, police managed to locate the victim. It is alleged that a 30-year-old Fishing Lake female assaulted the victim during an argument. The suspect was located and charges are pending.

On Feb. 13 at 5:30 a.m., RCMP were called to a residence in Frog Lake by a female reporting an assault. Elk Point EMS and RCMP attended the location and found that the victim was not suffering from any serious injuries. It is alleged that the female was assaulted by a male after returning home from a Round Dance in Onion Lake. The suspect was angry with the victim and physically threw her out of the house. The suspect has been identified but not located. An arrest warrant is pending against the male.

At 5 a.m. on Feb. 5, a female called from a residence in Frog Lake requesting police assistance. The female was hiding from a male who had allegedly assaulted her. Members attended the residence and made contact with the victim; she did not suffer from any injuries. The 32-year-old male suspect was also located inside the house and was taken into custody without incident. The suspect was also found to be on outstanding warrants for assault. He has been remanded into custody and will appear in St. Paul Provincial Court.

On Feb. 4 at 1 a.m., RCMP were contacted by a female in Frog Lake who stated she had been assaulted and the suspect male was fleeing on foot. Members attended the residence and spoke with the victim. She displayed signs of being assaulted but did not suffer any serious injuries. The assaults were alleged to have taken place over a three-day period but the victim was too afraid to leave the house. The 39-year-old suspect male was located at a nearby residence and taken into custody. The male has been charged with offenses including uttering threats and assault. He remains in custody.

Ministers speak to land rights at PC Annual Meeting

(Continued from Front Page)

Knight spoke about Bill 36, the Alberta Land Stewardship Act (ALSA), explaining that it is necessary for the government to have a plan to guide the use of air, water and land. Some of the wording of the bill may need revision to make the government's intentions clearer, said Knight, holding up a draft revision document with the changes highlighted in red.

"This has nothing to do with your personal rights. The rights that you have always had in the province of Alberta remain, ALSA takes none of them away," stated Knight. "I have been instructed by the premier to listen to Albertans and change this legislation if it needs changing."

Next, Danyluk spoke about Bill 19, the Land Assembly Project Area Act, explaining that there are three parts to the legislation. When it is necessary to acquire land for the construction of certain roads, the government must first inform landowners of its intent. Then the government has two years to commit to the project, permitting landowners a chance to express concern. Thirdly, if the landowner wants to sell the land, the government must buy it.

"So if we are establishing a transportation corridor and the individual wants to sell, they could. If they didn't want to sell, they could still keep their land, they can still continue to farm," said Danyluk, adding landowners could still build fences or barns on the land, but the bill would not allow a major industry or business to be located there. "The right to expropriation is still there."

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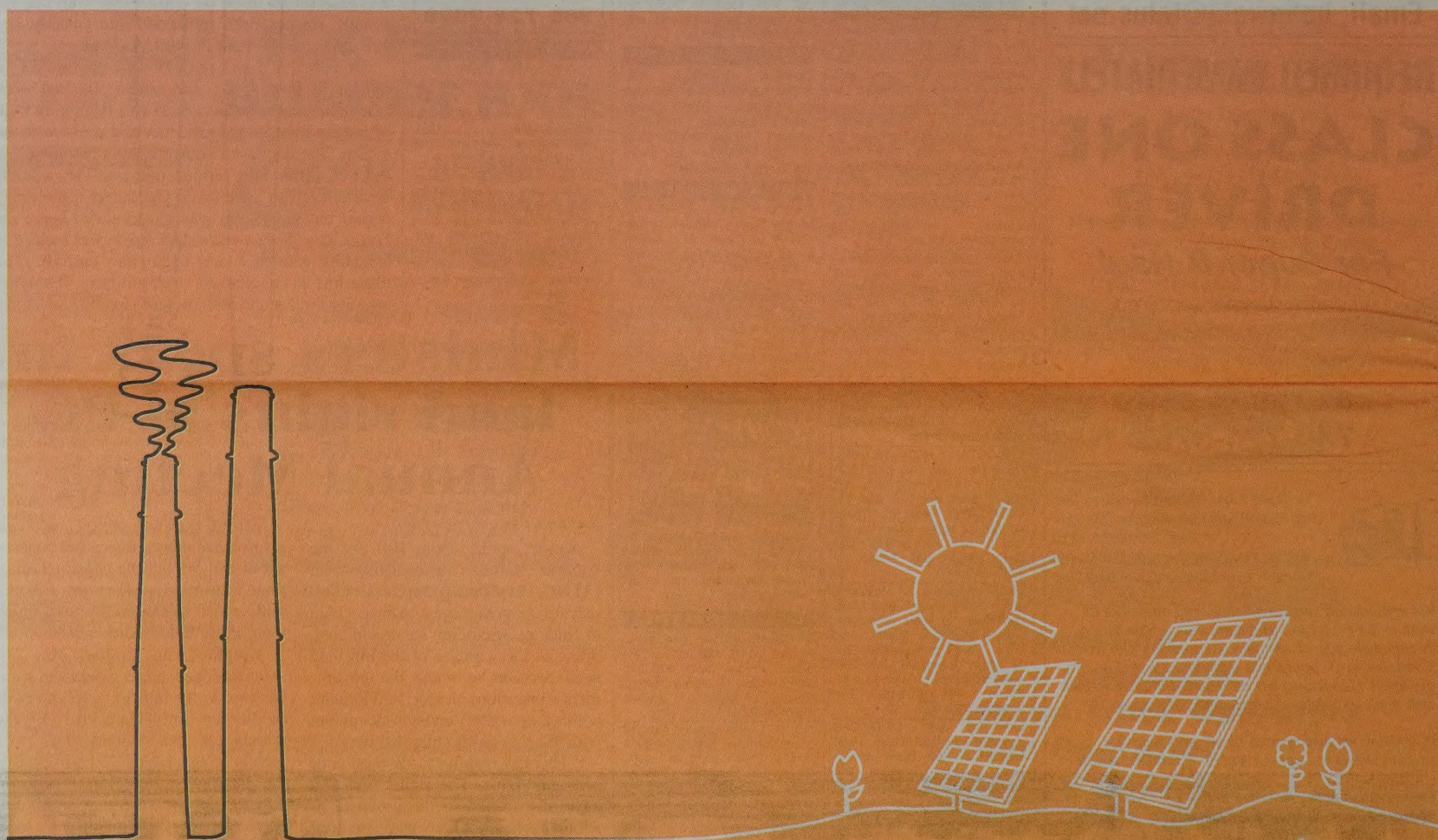
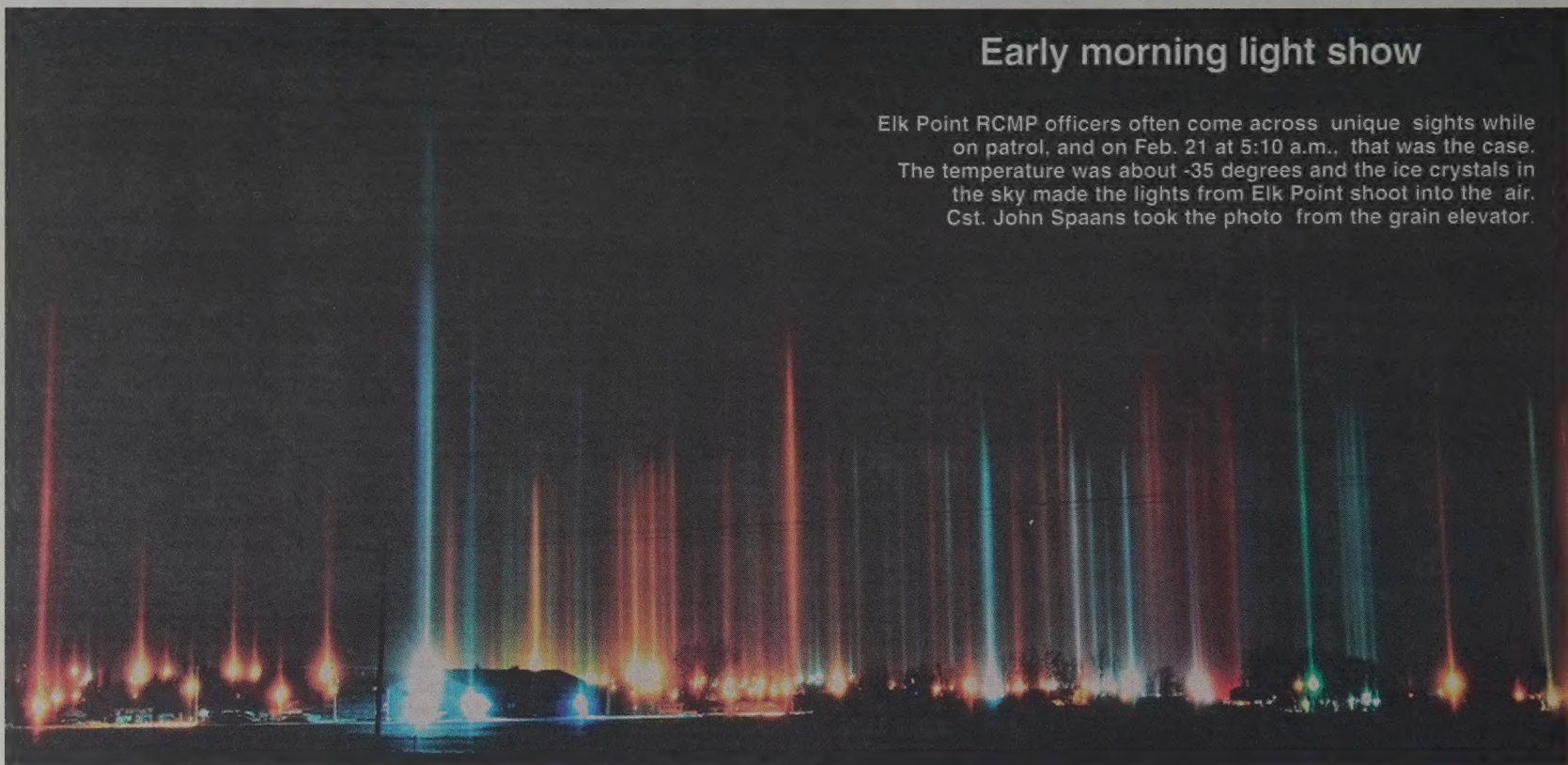
Knight, who drafted Bill 50, acknowledged there would be some increase in the bills to cover the costs of the new lines but added that the amount of that increase has been greatly exaggerated. He clarified that the lines were for transmission in Alberta and for Albertans, and not to carry electricity out of the province. The current system is so outdated that Alberta cannot purchase electricity from other provinces. As an example, he said that peak electrical use in Manitoba differs from Alberta's peak electrical use by two hours. It would be very inexpensive to purchase hydro electricity from that province during peak hours in Alberta but that cannot happen currently because of Alberta's outdated technology, he said.

"AESO (Alberta Electric System Operator) is telling me that we are falling outside our responsibility legally with regard to the grid's capacity and secondly you are going to end up with a failure," said Knight. He added that there have been several close calls already with brown-outs occurring in both Edmonton and Calgary.

The controversial bills are still generating debate, with town hall talks from opponents of the bills taking place across the province. Lawyer Keith Wilson will be in St. Paul on March 7 at 7 p.m. to discuss Bills 19, 36 and 50.

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